

In Social Circles

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An Elegant Banquet—Mr. George M. Brandon Host of Splendid Affair in Honor of Mr. Paul Swancoat.

"Mr. George M. Brandon, Hotel Bryan, Wednesday evening, October 9, in honor of Mr. Paul Swancoat. Banquet. Nine o'clock."

The above handsomely engraved invitation brought together a congenial party of friends and gave to them the pleasures of one of the most elegant social functions ever given in Bryan.

The approaching marriage of the honoree, Mr. Paul E. Swancoat, to Miss Hettie Smith of this city has been the inspiration for a most delightful round of social affairs during the past fortnight, but none have been more elegant or more enjoyable than the courtesy extended by Mr. George M. Brandon on Wednesday evening. The banquet was served to twenty-four of the most intimate friends of the honoree, in the Hotel Bryan court, amid beautiful surroundings. The walls around the court were hidden by a white lattice trellis gracefully entwined with Southern smilax, garlands of plumosa ferns, and pink "Queen's Crown" blossoms. A bower of green covered the high canopied ceiling, and met on all sides the floral covered trellis.

Shining through the vine-clad lattice, a crescent moon of electric globes threw an opaque sheen of silver light over the court, and completed the picturesqueness of the scene. The plan of decoration was indeed the conception of a real artist, and the finished work showed plainly the touch of skilled fingers.

The banquet table was covered in rich satin damask, ropes of plumosa fern running diagonally across the snowy surface from each corner, forming a diamond-shaped space in the center. A tall brass vase holding half a hundred American Beauty roses was the floral centerpiece, and on either side the vase in a wreath of red carnations and ferns were the letters "S-S," wrought in tiny electric bulbs. Brass baskets filled with red carnations and ferns, with the handles bowed with fluffy red ribbons, were on either end of the table, and sparkling cut glass and silver composed the handsome table service. The twenty-four place cards were handsomely embossed in gold. The elegant menu included:

Blue Points on half shell.
Cocktail Sauce.
Celery. Mixed Olives.
Salted Almonds.
Manhattan. Haut Sauterne.
Broiled Live Lobster. Burre Noir.
Parisienne Potatoes.
St. Julian.
Broiled Squab. Lemon Butter.
French Pens en caille.
Asparagus Tips on Toast.
Cliqueat.
Roman Punch frozen.
Tomatoes Stuffed with Chicken Salad.
Mayonnaise.
White Rock.
Neapolitan Brick Cream with Cake.
Camembert Cheese.
Toasted Bent's Water Crackers.
Cafe Noir. Demi Tasse.
El Arabe. Philip Morris.

Mr. O. E. Saunders as toastmaster called forth much of pleasure and merriment, and many good wishes for the honoree of the hour, in the following toasts:

"Our Honored Guest," Mr. O. S. Johnson.
"I Want to, I Want to, I Want to," Mr. Robert Harrison.

"Old Bachelors," Mr. Curtis Oliver.
"Advice," Mr. T. K. Lawrence.
"The Host," Mr. S. E. deMaret.

Miss Garth Entertains at Dinner in Honor of Miss Smith—

The last of a series of beautiful courtesies planned for Miss Hettie Smith who was married to Mr. Paul Swancoat on Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock found expression in a dinner given the same day an hour after the wedding by Miss Cora Garth. This was as exquisitely dainty an affair as the imagination could picture, the decorations and appointments reflecting the hostess' characteristic attention to artistic detail. A small number of congenial friends was entertained by Miss Garth with the grace of true hospitality.

The large dining room, beautiful within itself, glowed upon this occasion with rich furnishings and handsome palms and ferns.

The beautiful table was spread with a cloth of linen having for its decoration a pretty arrangement of grape vines with the luxuriant purple, red and green grapes. In the center of the table a mound was formed of the vines and grapes that gradually sloped down the length of the table separating at each end and terminating at the four corners of the table with a large bunch of grapes. Small pink candles burned on either side of the mound and at each end of the table crystal candlesticks held pink candles, the light of which gave a delicate charm to the surroundings. The place cards were beautifully handpainted and appropriate to the season of the year, and were done in autumn leaves.

The accessories were in keeping with elegance and good taste and the viands listed on the menu were daintily prepared and served. Cut glass, silver and handsome china were used in the plan and appointments of the dinner, which was served in seven courses and was an ideal spread.

The occasion was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swancoat, Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Parker, Miss Mary Ross Parker and Mr. R. L. Hearne, Miss Anita Park and Mr. George Brandon, Miss Cora Garth and Mr. Emmett Cole.

Mr. Geo. W. Smith Tenders Elegant Reception to Miss Smith—

One of the largest affairs of the week and one of the most interesting was the reception given on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Geo. W. Smith at her home in compliment to Miss Hettie Smith, who as a bride elect has been the central figure in many pleasant parties.

The charming personality and beautiful character of this bride-to-be has made her a favorite with a large circle of friends and she has won a place in their hearts that no one else can fill.

Every detail of the occasion was extremely elegant, and in ensemble it was perfect, the appointments and decorations reflecting the exquisite taste and cordial hospitality which always characterizes the entertainments given by this genial hostess. Over one hundred invitations had been issued and this handsome colonial home formed a scene of a representative gathering of the girls and married element of Bryan society.

The elegance of the reception hall was enhanced by bowls, jardiniere and hanging baskets of brass filled

with crimson carnations. Plumosa fern was gracefully arranged on the high mantel shelf with handsome specimens of ferns filling the fireplace. On the lower mantel shelf were four brass candle sticks holding red candles which shed a soft glow over the scene.

A tall brass pedestal holding a brass jardiniere filled with red carnations was placed on the hearth showing to advantage against the handsome brick fireplace.

The guests were first met by Miss Frances Smith, Master George Smith and Calder Street of Houston, who opened the door and the butler received the cards on a silver tray. Mesdames L. L. Stevens, J. A. McQueen and G. C. Street then gave greetings to the guests, who after pleasant salutations, passed into the library. Here pink was the dominant color note in the floral adornment and the air was odorous with the delicate fragrance of the killarney rose. In this room the guests received a cordial welcome from the hostess Mrs. Smith, Miss Hettie Smith, Mrs. Milton B. Parker and Mrs. Roger Astin.

Each guest greeted the sweet honoree with some pretty sentiment that expressed her true warm friendship and loyalty.

If possible, however, the floral embellishment of the dining room was the most exquisitely beautiful of all. Here the bridal effect in white and green was used exclusively. On buffet, sideboard, mantel and cabinet were the bride roses in crystal vases, each cluster of blooms seeming especially fitted to its place. Throughout the room white tapers shed a soft light. The dining room table gleaming in white, relieved with a touch of green, was one of daintiest loveliness. The table was spread with a cluny lace covering over green satin.

Protruding from the three points of a heart shaped reflector in the center of the table were three white satin ribbons extending across the table. At the end of each was a rose bowl shaped to represent a swan and filled with bride buds with a cupid placed on one side. A shower of white ribbons fell from the ceiling above around the chandelier with cupids and white rose buds caught in the ends of the ribbons, making the scene one of dazzling brilliance. Crystal vases filled with bride roses and silver candle sticks holding burning white tapers added to the effect. Placed on the reflector in the center of the table was a handsome heart-shaped cake embossed in white and green roses with cupids around on the edge. At the four corners of the table were crystal dishes filled with rose-shaped white mints.

Pistachio cream in green heart shaped cups, ornamented with white roses, was served with individual green cakes in the design of a heart embossed with a white rose.

Misses Frances Chance, Madeline Hanway and Mary Ross Parker saw that the guests were served. Mrs. J. B. Hines and Mrs. T. K. Lawrence received in this handsome room and with a warm handclasp and a bright smile each guest was again given a gracious greeting. Opening from this room, by means of French doors is the breakfast room, wherein Harris' orchestra rendered beautiful music throughout the afternoon. Passing from the dining room back into the reception hall, the guests were asked to register their names in a dainty bride's book, that was presided over by Miss Cora Garth and which was afterward presented to Miss Smith by the hostess. The book was on a table handsomely decorated and overlaid with a cluny cloth. A tall crystal vase filled with American Beauty roses was tastefully placed on this table.

Embroidery Club—

The Embroidery club met with the president, Mrs. George Adams last Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. As it was the first meeting since the summer inactivities, the most of the time was given to the planning of the year's work and the election of a president and three new members. There were no invited guests present, as this was a business meeting. Following the routine business, came a charming social hour full of bright chit-chat and a dainty collation. The club counts Mrs. Adams among its most satisfactory hostesses and the membership is at its best when her home is the setting of the meeting. Mrs. Robert Webb, Jr., was elected president and Mesdames L. L. Stevens, R. S. Webb, and Mrs. Frank Webb were elected to membership. The club will be entertained by Mrs. E. J. Fountain on next Tuesday afternoon.

A Miscellaneous Shower—

On Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Astin Miss Allie Conway, the president of the Bachelor Girls club, and Miss Ray Conway, in their usual interesting way, arranged a most enjoyable miscellaneous shower for Miss Hettie Smith, one of the season's sweet and lovable brides-elect. This handsome home which is noted for its unbounded hospitality was an ideal place for the members of this club to gather to render unto the fair young honoree her full share of love and homage from the girls who have known her always and will love her forever.

The reception rooms were floridly beautiful with numerous pot plants and ferns. The glossy green foliage of palms, harmonized with the delicate beauty of flowers which gave a touch of loveliness everywhere throughout the rooms. As the guests arrived a welcome as cordial as it was sincere was extended to each by the hostesses and their sister Mrs. Astin. Following the pleasant greetings a few minutes were given to the informal mingling and greeting of friends. In a short time the guests were invited to the dining room where the shower took place, for which the arrangements were notably beautiful. The dining table, laid with an elaborate cluny cloth over pink, had, as a centerpiece, a large heart placed on a reflector and filled with delicate ferns and carnations. The chandelier above the table was trimmed with plumosa fern and bowed with pink satin ribbon and filled with delicate fern and

pink carnations. The cornucopia was tilted toward the honored guest and was emblematic of the love and good wishes which the Bachelor Girls were showering upon her.

The chair occupied by Miss Smith was decorated with a large butterfly bow of pink mulline and placed in front of her on the table was a white enameled basket, the long handle of which was ornamented with graceful bows of pink ribbon. Within the basket was a profusion of dainty gifts of infinite variety, each conveying a sweet, silent message from the heart of a friend. The honoree then, in very touching and appropriate words, thanked her friends for the affection they had manifested on this occasion. After the handsome gifts had been seen and enjoyed by all, then the guests were seated at individual tables. These were laid with cluny covers having a wide pink satin ribbon laid diagonally across and caught at each end with a carnation. Brightening the tables were crystal vases holding pink carnations.

The place cards were formed in miniature green baskets filled with ferns and tied at the handles with butterfly bows of pink mulline. Misses Eugene Edge, Margaret Cooper and Onah Astin served the guests with a two-course luncheon. The first course of chicken salad, crackers, cheese sticks, olives and ice tea was followed by brick cream and angel cake.

This hospitality was replete with grace and charm always present at the affairs given in this home and the hostesses were many times assured of this fact by the guests when the party was concluded.

Swancoat-Smith—Two of Bryan's Most Popular Young People Quietly Married—

A fall nuptial event that has been regarded with pleasure by a large circle of friends was the marriage of Miss Hettie Smith to Mr. Paul Swancoat, which took place Thursday afternoon at six o'clock. The date of the wedding came as a complete surprise to everyone, the bride and groom keeping it a profound secret. When the hour arrived they, in company with Miss Cora Garth and Mr. George Brandon, their most intimate friends, who have shown most cordial interest in the union, went to Saint Andrews Episcopal church and were married.

This quaint little church, where since early childhood the bride has been a regular attendant, was indeed a fitting place for the sacred scene. Standing in front of the altar the two were made one by the rector Rev. W. W. Daup, who used the impressive ring ceremony.

The bride never looked sweeter than she did then in a dress of gray charmuse with a touch of old rose. She wore a black hat and black gloves and carried a prayer book.

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"I count them over every one a part, My Rosary, My Rosary!"

ACT 3. Bruce Wilton's Study the next morning.

"I tell each bead unto the end, and there a cross is hung."

Act 4. Outside the chapel one year later.

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her mothers wedding ring and has been worn by her ever since. The prayer book was used when the bride was confirmed. The grooms wedding gift to the bride was an exquisite harvest moon pin set with diamonds. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. George W. Smith and has lived here all her life. Her sweet disposition and loving manners have endeared her to all. She is quite an accomplished musician and has received a liberal education.

Mr. Swancoat has resided in Bryan for a number of years and has made a host of fast and loyal friends during his residence here. He is a good business man and has large farming interests close to Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Swancoat left Thursday night for St. Louis and Chicago before going to Detroit where they will be guests of Mr. Swancoat's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Parker Entertain Complimentary to Miss Smith and Miss Fountain—

The dance given on Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Parker at the Elks club rooms was planned to be a pre-nuptial event honoring Miss Hettie Smith, whose approaching marriage to Mr. Swancoat had been announced and in compliment also to Miss Frances Fountain of St. Worth. Instead, the affair turned out to be in the nature of a wedding reception, as Miss Smith and Mr. Swancoat surprised their friends by quietly marrying at six o'clock a few hours before the reception took place. The dance was an event that will take a prominent place in the annals of the season. It was exquisitely detailed and handsomely envied. In it centered the cordial interest of a large society element of friends. The

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